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International Solidarity in Action

The courageous struggle of Tehran bus workers against one of the most brutal regimes of our time has galvanised not only the Iranian society but also considerable section of the labour movement, civilised humanity and progressive individuals and organisations. Bus workers have been engaged in a face to face battle with the might of the Islamic Republic and its vicious and aggressive organs of suppression.

The Bus workers day of action and strike, planned for January 28, were met with the wrath of the Islamic security forces. Islamic thugs raided the homes of all the organisers of the strike and militant bus workers. Workers and their families including children as young as 2 years old were rounded up and thrown into vehicles and taken to prison. By dawn over 1200 workers including a number student activists and sympathisers of the Bus workers were arrested.

Despite the fear and threat of persecution facing people in Iran the support and sympathy directed towards the Bus workers and their just demands has exceeded most expectations. Although this level of support and solidarity is not yet effective enough to be translated into a meaningful leverage to force the Iranian authorities to back off nevertheless it is heartening to



Resolution adopted by the Political Bureau of the WPI – Hekmatist on:

The “Nuclear Crisis” of the Islamic Republic and the Western Powers

1. With Iran on the verge of being referred to the UN Security Council, the nuclear crisis of the Islamic Republic of Iran (IR) and the Western powers, has taken a dangerous turn that can sink the Middle East and the world into another horrendous war with catastrophic consequences. This new development calls the working class and people of Iran, as well as people of the region and the world, to follow this crisis with open eyes and keep abreast of the events and by closing their ranks take a clear stance. Page 3

Free Ossanlou Now!

Javad Aslani

Mansour Ossanlou and hundreds of Tehran Bus workers are still in custody. None of their demands have been met. They are being kept incommunicado in notorious Islamic jails. Those released have been refused to go back to their works. The Bus workers continue to fight for their rights. Members of their families have entered the dispute. On Saturday February 4, family members of the jailed Bus workers assembled in front of the Iranian Parliament demanding the release of their loved ones. Page 4



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see the enthusiasm and growing open defiance against the authorities.

If the political situation in Iran does not allow the working class to exercise its power, the extend and depth of support for the bus workers outside Iran has been a welcome development. Numerous labour organisations, trade unions, political organisations, humanitarian and pro-human rights institution and progressive individuals and personalities have all lend their support and solidarity with the Tehran bus workers. From USA to Japan, from Australia to Canada and across Europe in Sweden, Norway, Finland, Denmark, France, Germany, Belgium, Italy, Spain, UK... letters and messages of solidarity with the bus workers and harsh words and warnings have been directed at the Iranian authorities. The support for the Tehran Bus Workers has now culminated in an International Day of Action, organised for February 15. The support from Global Unions (the ICFTU, the Global Union Federations and TUAC-OECD) and, notably, the International Transport Workers Federation (ITF) has generated a movement that is very timely and absolutely necessary given the political situation in Iran. The Iranian government is resorting to all possible means and including its dangerous nuclear politics to suppress the growing labour struggles and popular unrest.

WPI-Hekmatist on its part extends its sincere gratitude to all those individuals and organisations that at these crucial moments in the history of the working class in Iran stand by them.

While the Bus workers and their leader, Mansour Ossanlou, are still in jail and their demands yet unmet, we must keep up the pressure to force the Iranian government to give in to the demand of the bus workers to release all the detainees and recognise their right to collective bargaining.

Please send your letters to the Iranian President, Mr Mahmud Ahmadinejad at dr-ahmadinejad@president.ir and copy it to mail@hekmatist.com.



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- 2 The escalation of this crisis is the result of the perseverance of both sides of this crisis over their wider reactionary aims. In the wider context, the nuclear crisis is the manifestation of the confrontation between the two poles of world terrorism; the terrorism of the US and its allies and the Islamic terrorism over the redrawing the political and ideological map of the region, helped by the resurgence of the Political Islam and Islamic terrorism in Iraq in the aftermath of the US invasion of Iraq. Under such circumstances, this nuclear crisis has become the battle ground to establish who has the political and ideological upper hand in the region and elsewhere.
- 3 The US descend into the quagmire created by the invasion of Iraq; the emergence of the political Islam in Iraq and the victory of Hamas in Palestine have enticed the IR to attempt to put up a more strategic challenge against the US and Israel. After two decades of efforts to establish a closer relation with the West, the IR now seeks its survival through confrontation. For the IR return to the Islamic fascism against the West and Israel and its insistence on heightening the nuclear crisis serve as a means for bargaining for a better share for the Political Islam in the region and also a means to expand and intensify the suppression of the escalating workers' movement and disenchanted masses of people. The IR will not hesitate, to commit any crimes against humanity, in pursuit of extending the influence of the political Islam in the region and the consolidation of its power. This is the reason why this nuclear crisis is so critical. The IR armed with atomic bombs present a real danger for the people of Iran, the region and the world.
- 4 For the US and its allies, the escalation of the nuclear crisis provides an opportunity to justify their military bullying under the pretext of safeguarding the world against the threat of the IR armed with atomic bombs and also offers a way out of the quagmire that they are in. In these desperate times the camp of the US and its allies and in particular Israel will not refrain from resorting to the use of force and atomic bombs. The logic of the US and its allies, just as in the case of the war against Iraq, is based on a preference for military action rather than attempts to find a political solution, bearing in mind that the condition for confrontation with Iran has, since the invasion of Iraq, worsened for the US.
- 5 The IR is rigorously pursuing acquisition of nuclear weapons. In the face of this reality the US and the West are unable to intervene. Legally, the West can not prevent the IR from acquiring the atomic bomb and lacks practical means to stop them. They can not force the IR to retreat and the IR is unwilling to voluntarily abandon its nuclear programme. In the final analysis the military options will prevail. But the Iraqi experience has shown that the US warmongering will lead to the deterioration of the situation for the people of the region and the world. The IR and the West can not put an end to this impasse.
- 6 The real solution lies with the people of Iran. Only through the revolutionary overthrow of the IR can the world get rid of the IR armed with atomic bombs. People of Iran do not want the IR to acquire atomic bombs. People of Iran are keen to get rid of the IR. The world, the civilised humanity and the peace loving and progressive people of the world can and should, by putting up a clear and resolute opposition to the warmongering and the dangerous atomic confrontation and by supporting the movement of the Iranian people to overthrow the IR, secure a resolution to this crisis.
- 7 The framework of a clear and radical policy to end the stand off between the IR and the West is as follows:
 - a- People of Iran, at the forefront of the people of the region with the support of the progressive people around the world, can and should offer their own independent solution and the final say against both sides of this confrontation.
 - b- Neutralising the threat of the IR armed with atomic bombs, and putting an end to its misadventures can only come about through its overthrow at the hands of the people of Iran. People of Iran by raising the demand for freedom and equality based on the "Charter for the Overthrow of the IR" must mobilise their forces in places of work, districts and universities and by joining the "Freedom Guards" must take their affairs into their own hands.
 - c- People of Iran and the world must resolutely oppose the imposition of economic sanction. Sanction will primarily hurt the people of Iran rather than the Islamic regime. The economic sanction will leave damaging consequences on the livelihood of people and will intensify the police and military grip over people's lives.



- d- People of Iran must oppose any threat of military action, albeit localised, against Iran. Military action against Iran will not remove the threat of IR or lead to its overthrow but will rather prolong its life and will lead to the militarization of the society; constricting political environment for the workers and people to carry out their struggle against the IR; Iraqization of Iran and the destruction of the fabrics of the society.
- e- With the escalation of the current crisis and on the verge of a military conflict, gangs of the ethnic and federalist groups, political and armed gangsters, fanatic Arian patriots and various Hezbollah thugs will emerge and by inciting reactionary intimidation and creating division amongst people will push the entire society towards a catastrophe and will cause the disintegration of the civil life. Such a scenario must be opposed by a united and consorted effort.
- f- It is clear that legally every country should be able to benefit from nuclear energy technology. The interest of the working class and people, in general, rests with the universal nuclear weapons disarmament and the destruction of all weapons of mass destruction. Till such a time there can not be any monopoly over nuclear weapons for certain countries and it is not acceptable that a number of countries have access to nuclear weapons and the rest be deprived. But the current nuclear confrontation is not a legal conflict and should not be viewed as such. This is part and parcel of a wider confrontation between two poles of terrorism. The interest of the people of Iran and the world demands that IR should not acquire nuclear weapons. This can only be achieved through overthrowing the IR.

People!

The danger is very real! We must consciously, openly and actively enter this arena and mobilise our forces against both sides of this dangerous conflict. The resolution of this conflict is in our hands. The solution is the revolutionary overthrow of the IR through our insurrection and uprising. Let us turn our opposition against this nuclear crisis into a decisive struggle to overthrow the IR through our united action.

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The fate of the Tehran Bus workers dispute and confrontation with the Iranian authorities has dominated the political events in Iran. The demands and struggles of the Bus workers have taken on an international dimension with many trade unions and labour organisations expressing concerns over their plight.

17,000 workers, organised in a syndicate in a metropolis of 12million people and gridlock traffic, demand their basic and fundamental rights. This is a powerful combination. They can bring life in Tehran to a halt. This force can shake the foundation of the Islamic Republic. Their victory will have a profound and lasting impact on the Iranian society and the labour movement. Their victory will advance the labour movement in Iran. This can be the beginning of a new round of workers offensive in Iran. This is precisely why this dispute has attracted the attention of not only sections of the working class in Iran but also has drawn the support and sympathy of a large section of the Iranian society as well as unprecedented level of support and solidarity from the international labour movement and the progressive institutions and individuals.

The Islamic Republic is well aware of the importance and the potentials of this dispute. It has resorted to all means at its disposal to quell this movement. Naked aggression, intimidation, imprisonment and the harassment of Bus workers families including arrest and imprisonment of children as young as 2 years old have not subdued the resolve of the Bus workers and so far has not forced them into submission. It is not surprising that the Islamic Republic has resorted to its familiar tactic of creating and fuelling external crises to divert the public opinion and flag up a pretext to suppress its opponents at home. The Islamic Republic is a deeply unpopular and hated regime. They are well aware of the level of popular resentments towards them. They realise that it is win or lose it all situation. They are a bunch of criminals and murders and capable of instigating catastrophes.

The Bus workers have selflessly and bravely taken on the Islamic Republic. It is now incumbent upon all the revolutionaries and progressive individuals and organisations to keep up the pressure and support the demands of the Bus workers. Ossanlou and his colleagues are leading this heroic fight. We must redouble our efforts to secure their release.

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**The only way to resolve the nuclear issue is for the people of Iran
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By breaking the seal on the nuclear plant at Natanz and the resumption of uranium enrichment activities, the Iranian authorities embarked on a planned and dangerous game. Attributing this new development to the “stupidity” of the Iranian President, Ahmadinejad, is an act of self-deception with terrible consequences for the people of Iran. This is a calculated move on the part of the Islamic Republic against the West. They have realised that with the outcome of the recent “election” in Iraq and the high oil prices they are in a stronger position against the US and the West. They are weighing their chances to extend and strengthen the rule of Islam in Iran and the region. The outcome of such a political manoeuvring is nothing but more misery for people in Iran and the region.

The prompt reaffirmation of this policy by Rafsanjani, the Chairman of the “Expediency Discernment Council of Iran” sent a clear message to the western countries that all factions within the Iranian ruling establishment share this policy. The west has got the message and while their options are limited is reacting to this new development. But first and foremost the people of Iran must be aware of the consequences of this round of confrontation between the Islamic republic and the western countries and by adopting a clear, united and bold initiative take the matter into their own hand. This is possible. This is vital. The only constructive and positive way to resolve the current nuclear issue is for the people of Iran to offer their own independent solution; independent of both poles of the conflict and embark on its implementation. The solution is nothing but the overthrow of the Islamic Republic at the hands of the people of Iran.

A brief assessment of the situation and the different approaches

The Islamic Republic has emerged as the main victor in the recent “election” in Iraq. The political Islam is to call the shots amongst the main contender for political power in Iraq and play a leading role in the next four years. The fact that current political groupings in Iraq will not be able to come up with a stable government will not diminish the significance of this new development. The current chaos and pandemonium will not harm the significance of the “electoral

victory” for the Islamists. On the contrary, the Islamic currents will, amidst the ongoing impasse and prevailing quagmire, extend their influence and authority. The ascendancy of the political Islam in Iraq, just like that of Iran, is the product of abnormal circumstances; dark force, a force emerging from the lumpenism in the society and thrown into the forefront of politics thanks to the Invasion of Iraq by the US and its allies. This situation has provided the Islamic Republic of Iran with a tramp card in its confrontation with the West over the nuclear issue. The US and the West on the other hand face a dilemma and lack any real options when it comes to dealing with Iran. The Islamic Republic is fully aware of this situation. The US lacks the potential to launch any effective military offensive against Iran. Any localised and targeted attacks on Iran by the US or Israel, will strengthen the hands of the Iranian government vis-à-vis its political opponents and the people. Furthermore the West’s ability to put pressure on Iran by referring it to the UN’s Security Council for possible sanction is hampered. On top of the reluctance of Russia and China to approve any sanctions, the higher oil prices will seriously limit the West’s desire to impose a sanction on Iran. People of Iran must be very aware of the consequences and the dangers of such a confrontation. The Islamic Republic, the west and Israel are well capable of resorting to the most destructive weapons including the nuclear weapons to settle their differences. It is the ordinary people, from both sides, that have to pick up the pieces and pay the price for this adventurism and subsequent calamity.

The right wing opposition of the Islamic Republic, from the monarchist to the republicans, have adopted a dangerous and irresponsible policy and have sided with the US policy. Within the “left” we are also witnessing a different kind of irresponsibility and equally dangerous policy. This “left” believes that it is possible to exploit the military conflict between the Islamic Republic and the US and launch a “socialist revolution”. It does not need much of intelligence to realise that any escalation in the current stand off over the nuclear issue will seriously hinder the organising of a simple workers’



protest let alone the revolutionary mobilisation of workers and people. This “leftist” irresponsibility is a fatal opportunism and unfortunately the current leadership of the Worker-community Party waves its banner.

People of Iran need to follow the political development very closely and take up the task of toppling the Islamic Republic through their organised and conscious endeavour. The key to resolving the current nuclear issue is at the hands of the Iranian people alone and not the US, not the Security Council and not the International Atomic Energy Agency. People of Iran can, by overthrowing the Islamic Republic, remove this threat from Iran and the region. Under the current circumstances the framework of a constructive approach should include the followings:

- 1 Firm opposition to any military intervention by the US and Israel which will strengthen the Islamic Republic;
- 2 Firm opposition to any economic sanctions which will lead to further economic hardship on people (and not the regime), deepening of destitution and holding the people’s lives and livelihoods to ransom;
- 3 United and consorted mobilisation of people, taking over the control of districts and towns from the Islamic Republic forces, disabling the regime’s oppressive forces, constantly changing the balance of power and preparing for insurrection and uprising against the regime at the right time with the aim of total overthrow of the regime and the seizure of power,
- 4 Putting pressure on the opposition forces to oppose to any foreign military intervention and economic sanctions and to oblige them to call for the overthrow of the Islamic regime by the people and respect the right of the people to determine their own future political system.

Freedom loving people!

The current nuclear confrontation is threatening Iran and the region and must be taken seriously. The way out of this crisis is to overthrow the regime. To this end we all need to come to the forth and gather around the banner of “freedom and equality” and around the “Charter for the overthrow of the Islamic Republic” and round the Hekmatist Party.

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Kurdistan Organisation of the Party has undertaken to implement. Obviously the political events could unfold much faster than we have anticipated and we need to be ready and proactive to meet the new challenges and if need be to introduce extensive changes to our operations.

KOMONIST: Do you have a message for the Party activists and sympathisers and the people in Kurdistan?

Hossein Moradbeigi: I call on workers, women and the freedom loving people of Kurdistan to redouble their struggle against the Islamic Republic. They should seize the initiative from the Islamic Republic. In the past few days the municipality authorities have demolished over 100 dwellings in the Faizabad district of Sanandaj. People of Sanandaj must not allow such things to happen. They should have come out in strength against such a blatant attack on their city dwellers. They must not allow the regime’s mercenaries to enter their districts. They should greet them with rocks and stones. They should make the names of all those who carry out such crimes available to us and publish and distribute them all over the city. A consorted and united counter offensive to such attacks could trigger the start of the downfall of the regime. People of other cities and towns should not stand idle. They should mobilise support for striking workers, organise petitions and dispatch delegates to lend support to all those who have been the target of the regime’s aggression. Our solidarity and unity is the key to pushing back the Islamic Republic. I also call on all workers and labour activists, equality seeking and libertarian women and men and young people to join the ranks of the WPI-Hekmatist. I invite the youth to join the Freedom Guards. Young people can, with those whom they trust, form units of the Freedom Guards. They can contact us and we will give them instructions. The Hekmatist Party desperately needs your financial contributions. Our only source of financial support is our members and supporters. The Hekmatist Party is, without any exaggerations, the only hope of Communism and the left in Iran. Join this Party and together we can overthrow the Islamic Republic and rescue the society from yoke of capitalism.

Kurdistan and its role in empowering Communism in Iran

Interview with **Hossein Moradbeigi, Secretary of the Kurdistan Committee of the Worker-communist Party Iran – Hekmatist,**
on the conclusion of the second assembly of the council of the cadres
of the Kurdistan Organisation of the Party

KOMONIST: The second assembly of the council of the cadres of the Kurdistan Organisation of the Worker-communist Party of Iran – Hekmatist was held on December 17 and 18, 2005. Considering the influence and the position of the WPI-Hekmatist in Kurdistan what have been the advancements and the achievements of the Party since the first assembly?

Hossein Moradbeigi: A year and a few days have passed since our first assembly. It has been a very busy, challenging and difficult year. The WPI-Hekmatist Party managed, against all the odds and in the face of enormous difficulties, to establish itself as a credible and counter current political force distinct from all other forces within the Iranian opposition milieu. This assertion could easily be backed up by our policies and practices. The progress of our Party in Kurdistan should be seen and assessed within this context. We have been very active in Kurdistan. Our activities have taken a new dimension in the past few months through our active engagement and involvement in the one day general strike across Kurdistan on August 5, 2005 –the biggest organised mass protest against the Islamic Republic since 1979. The general strike coincided with a political tour of the region by a contingent from our Kurdistan Organisation led by Abdullah Darabi and Majid Hosseini, prominent and influential communist leaders in the region accompanied by some of the most popular communist military commanders and finally the establishment of the Freedom Guards. Furthermore our active mass campaign for the release of the jailed worker activists and those arrested during the general strike which has led to the release of a number of them have all placed the Party on an elevated position. A number of other events such as the successful rallies of March 8 and the May Day in the city of Sanandaj, organising of Snow Festivals in support of children in a number of cities and the a rally on the occasion of Children’s Day plus a number of labour disputes and strikes in particular the textile workers, strike in Sanandaj and the Shahoo Textile Plant were all signs of a new vibrant political atmosphere in Kurdistan.

Our practice during this period once again highlighted the importance and the role of Kurdistan in enhancing communism and empowering left and communism in Iran vis-à-vis the influence and power of communism in Kurdistan. If we look at the Kurdistan Organisation of our Party from this angle we realise that we have generated a heightened expectation of our Party in the society and what we have achieved during this period could only be considered as a starting point, albeit a very positive starting point. Therefore this level of activities in relation to what we need to do is only one step in the right direction for the Kurdistan Organisation of our Party. Kurdistan and in particular the southern part of it must be turned into a bulwark for communism and the next revolution in Iran. Without exaggeration and self-complacency we can accomplish this task. We have the potential and human resources to do so. We have a strong rank of trusted and well-known communist leaders, enjoying popular support amongst the population who look towards them for leadership and direction. We have such an important asset and need to, ceaselessly and tirelessly advance our objectives. The assembly reaffirmed its commitment to the society that it is determined to overcome all the difficulties and obstacles to turn Kurdistan into a gateway to communist power in Iran.

KOMONIST: What was the main thrust of the policy decisions that were discussed and adopted at the assembly of the council of cadres?

Hossein Moradbeigi: Development and expansion of the Freedom Guards in all its aspects; mass expansion of the Hekmatist Party in places of work and residence of workers, toiling masses and the progressive people in all cities and towns across Kurdistan. Organising and leading mass protests and campaigns of defiance against the Islamic Republic. Exposing ethnic and nationalistic sentiments and marginalising the idea of ethnic federalism amongst the working class and progressive people in an attempt to push it aside as an obstacle to the advancement of the left and communism. To initiate and stage an offensive against the Kurdish nationalism and the right wing opposition forces in Iran who are instigating a federalist plan. Facilitating closer contacts between the influential communist leaders of the Hekmatist Party and the people and their re-engagement with the daily struggles in the society. And finally active participation in all the events in all towns and cities across Kurdistan. These were the main headings of the policy directions adopted at the second assembly of the council of cadres that the

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Following a series of successful and effective actions and widespread protests against the violent and brutal suppression of the workers of the Tehran and suburb Vahed Bus Company, members and supporters of WPI-Hekmatist and the Worker-communist Party of Iraq staged a demonstration outside the headquarters of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) in Geneva, Switzerland on Tuesday January 31, 2006. The protesters were wearing T-Shirts carrying the picture of the jailed Bus workers' leader, Mansour Ossanlou and carried placards in support of the Bus workers and their families.

A delegation made up of Payam Azar and Mahmoud Rahbari, members of the WPI-Hekmatist, met with the ILO officials and while briefing them on the background to the current dispute between the Bus workers and the Iranian authorities, expressed their deep concern over the arrest of Mansour Ossanlou and other detained activists and protested against the crack down of the bus workers' legitimate demands. The delegation also presented the following demands to the ILO officials and requested their implementation:

- 1 Condemnation of the Islamic Republic for the suppression of the workers of Vahed Bus Company and the ongoing persecution and harassment of the bus workers and their families.
- 2 Immediate release of Mansour Ossanlou and all other detainees.
- 3 Expulsion of the Islamic Republic's representation from the ILO
- 4 Recognition of the Syndicate of Workers of Tehran and Suburbs Vahed Bus Company and other independent workers' organisations.
- 5 Recognition of the right to collective bargaining for the workers of Vahed Bus Company
- 6 Put pressure on the Islamic Republic to respect and recognise the ILO conventions in particular clauses 87 and 98 concerning freedom of assembly.

The ILO officials responded by saying that they do not have any executive powers but nevertheless they have sent a letter to the Iranian authorities protesting the arrest of Mansour Ossanlou.

Worker-communist Party of Iran-Hekmatist will continue with its campaign to put pressure on the Islamic Republic and force it to meet the demands of the workers of Vahed Bus Company.

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Committee Abroad, February 1, 2006



Communists show the way and lead the battle against the Islamic bigotry

Javad Aslani

Progressive people in Stockholm and Oslo joined demonstrations organised by the Worker-communist Party of Iran- Hekmatist and the Worker-communist Party of Iraq (WCPI) to repel the Islamic aggression against freedom of expression.

On the afternoon of Tuesday February 7, during the rush hour, the main square in Stockholm city centre and the Norwegian Parliament in Oslo, became the scenes of militant demonstrations against the Islamic assaults on freedom of expression and the progressive values of the civilised world.

Tens of people while carrying placards condemning the attempts by the Islamists to curb the freedom of expression and intimidate and harass those who dare to exercise their rights, in a magnificent and timely action tried to show the world that the this round of offensive by the political Islam can only be defeated through a consorted, united and militant counter offensive.

The response of the ordinary people and passers-by in both capitals, as well as the media coverage of the events were a pleasant reminder that the civilised humanity can not afford to be complacent and must try to make their views clear and make a case against all those who dare to violate the hard won civil liberties.

The news of the actions made its way to the front pages of major dailies in both countries. RIALTID of Sweden conducted a comprehensive interview with Asad Kamal one of the organisers of the demonstration. The Main 24 hour Swedish TV channel broadcast live coverage of the event and held interviews with the organisers. A number of Swedish media outlets also carried interviews with the cadres of the two parties including Asad Kamal, Ranena Karim and Arazoo Mohammadi. Leaders of the two Party including Rahman Hosseinzadeh, Mostafa Asadpour from WPI-Hekmatist and Faris Mahmoud member of the Political bureau of the WCPI addressed the rally. Yanar Mohamad, the leader of the Organisation for Freedom of Women in Iraq was also present at the demonstration and delivered a passionate speech in support of the freedom of expression and against the political Islam latest offensive.

The news of demonstration in Oslo was also widely reflected on the main Norwegian TV channels and as well printed press. A number of TV and radio stations conducted and broadcast interviews with Jamal Mohsen, Kamel Ahmad and Bahar Manzar from WCPI and Daruish Niknam and Malekeh Ezati from WPI-Hekmatist. The Norwegian daily NETT AVISEN carried a substantial report on its front page covering the demonstration and the demands and messages of the demonstrators.

The organisers of these successful and well received actions deserve our warmest appreciation. They have shown that, we the civilised world, must not allow bigots and reactionaries undermine the freedom of expression and our basic liberties. The menace of the political Islam must be confronted with vigour and a strong show of defiance against dogma, backwardness and the right wing religious politics.



Repel Islamists attack on freedom of conscience and expression!

The Islamists' aggression must be opposed!

The Islamic reaction has exploited the publication of a few cartoons of the Prophet Mohammad to intimidate the western press and media and curtail their freedom. With the financial support of Saudi Arabia and the threat of herds of pro Bin laden and Islamic Republic mindless and fanatic thugs have taken on the freedom of expression and conscience in Europe. This offensive must be smashed.

Crowds of thugs have been set loose roaming around threatening, setting fire to buildings and flags holding the most fundamental freedom and human dignity to ransom. Mosques, religious institutions, schools, diplomats from Muslim and Arab countries have all been mobilised to target the intellectual, cultural and scientific advances and progress of human society.

There is no sign of a credible front to repulse this barbaric behaviour. Self censorship, self deception and the use of cultural relativism to deceive the public opinion and appease to the reactionaries have all rendered ineffective and have played into the hands of the reactionaries. The issue has now gone well beyond the mere publication of a few cartoons in Danish daily. They have aimed the gun at the governments, international institutions and western media, demanding nothing less than a total political and intellectual surrender and censorship. They are expecting the west, the birth place of Voltaire and Rousseau to behave according to their will, views and beliefs and not to approach the sanctity of the Islamic religious establishment. The retreat and the apology offered by the Danish daily in the face of the Islamic terrorists is a worrying development.

We all know that retreat in the face of advancing armies of the Islamic thugs will have a catastrophic consequence. We all know that it was the concessions and appeasement that has lead to the rise of the current aggressive and murderous political Islam to take the centre stage. Such dangerous developments are not taken seriously. Regrettably there is not a clear, solid and progressive rank, both in Denmark and other European countries to deal with this situation. The narrow-minded self-interests of the European governments, self-deception of the media and cultural relativism thoughts are all hampering an effective counter offensive. Ordinary people are dazed and bewildered by the terrorists' threats. On many occasions and in similar situations most European governments have justified these threats against a neighbouring country to protect their own pity interests and hence paving the way for further attacks. The voluntary indifference and immaturity of the leftist and progressive forces in Europe has offered the far right and nationalist forces an opportunity to lead an anti-Islamic counter offensive. There is no room for complacency. We must not give in. We must take up position to defend every bit of political freedom, civil liberty and human progress. If such a fight, in Iran and similar countries, is fraught with insurmountable difficulties, in Europe no efforts should be spared to expose and denigrate the Islamic reaction.

The world has suffered deep wounds at the hands of the political Islam. The world has sustained enough of the filth and blood by various Islamic currents in its living memory. A mass mobilisation to curtail the nuisance of the Islamists is not a far fetched expectation.

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